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For: CATHETER CONNECTION )  
AND REPAIR SYSTEM )  
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Examiner: Michael M. Thompson )

TRANSMITTAL FOR SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT "A" AND  
RESPONSE TO SPECIES ELECTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Supplemental Amendment "A" and Response to Species Election Requirement for entry in the above-captioned application.

- \_\_\_\_ Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and § 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- \_\_\_\_ To secure the approval of the Examiner for proposed amendments to the drawings, enclosed are the following:
  - \_\_\_\_ Letter to the Official Draftsperson;
  - \_\_\_\_ Set of \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) sheets of informal drawings containing Figures \_\_\_\_\_ including the proposed amendments therein; and
  - \_\_\_\_ A duplicate set of the \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) sheets of informal drawings with the changes therein highlighted in red.

\_\_\_ To render the transmitted Amendment "A" and Response to Species Election Requirement timely filed, enclosed are the following:

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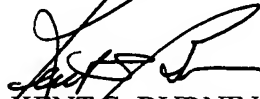
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed from the United States Patent and Trademark Office on March 18, 2004, the requirement contained therein to elect for prosecution purposes a single species of the disclosed invention, and the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated September 21, 2004, the response following herein is offered, being advised that:

**Amendments to the Claims** as reflected in a complete listing of the pending claims begin on page 3; and

**Remarks** begin on page 38.

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